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# 1. Description of Area

Sassnitz harbor, on Ruegen Island, is an artificial port protected by moles. The seaward side of the harbor is used by the East German sea police and the Soviet Navy; the landward side is used as a fishing harbor and is the property of VVB Fischwirtschaft, Sassnitz.

## 2. <u>Defenses</u>

- a. There are no anti-aircraft guns, radar installations, underwater defenses, submarine pens, or patrol vessels in the harbor area.
- b. The entire harbor is a restricted area. Entry into the fishing harbor is possible only with a harbor permit, issued by the headquarters of the VVB Fischwirtschaft and regularly reissued at six-month intervals. Entry into the seaward harbor requires a special permit issued by the sea police authorities.

## 3. Guards

A Grenzpolizei sentry is posted at the entrance to the bridge leading to the customs office. Other sentries are posted at the steps leading to the VVB headquarters near the HO shop, at the dividing fence between the two herbors, and at the Fischkombinat building. A guard of the Soviet Marine unit, mentioned below, is stationed at the pier for Russian ships; a second marine is posted at the end of the west mole to observe the harbor entrance.

## 4. Repair and Supply Facilities

a. There are no floating or dry docks. One mobile crane, the

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property of the Deutsche Reichsbahn, is on a length of track on the quay by the customs house. The crane has a reach of 6 meters.

b. The following, all property of VVB Fischwirtschaft, are located within the fishing harbor areas an engine shop, carpenter shop, and smithy which together form a workshop for minor and slightly more intricate repair work; a slipway for cutters up to 50 feet in length; and a supply depot for Derunapht diesel fuel used for the refuelling of fishing vessels.

# 5. Accommodations for Armed Forces

- a. A block of barracks for sea police personnel is located on the seaward side of the harbor; four dwellings are used to house sea police officers.
- b. A Soviet Marine unit, of approximately company strength, is located in two large buildings in Hafenstrasse, Sassnitz, outside the harbor.

## 6. Quays, Moles, and Piers

- a. The harbor basin is dredged to an average depth of  $3\frac{1}{4}$  fathoms ( $6\frac{1}{2}$  meters).
- b. The harbor entrance is 80 meters wide.
- c. Length of the east mole is 1,200 meters; length of the west mole is 125 meters.
- d. The average width from the quay face to the nearest buildings is 12 meters.
- e. The height of the quay above water level is  $2\frac{1}{2} = 3$  meters.
- f. The quay is constructed of brick.
- g. There is a connecting rail line into the harbor.
- h. The outer harbor, used by the sea police and the Russian Navy, is being developed continually by the addition of buildings and piers.

## 7. Wireless Installations

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There are no Russian wireless	insta	llation	ısin	the	harbor	area	. Th	1e
nearest,	to be	Russia	in-cor	itro.	Lled, is	loc	ated	on the
Koenigstuhl, near Sassnitz.	A sea	police	wirel	Less	station	ıis	also	being
constructed there.								

8. Shipbuilding and Launching Facilities.

There are neither slipways nor vessels under construction in the harbor.

#### 9. Movement of Craft

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The harbor is used at irregular intervals by sea police minesweepers.

few Soviet warships have entered the harbor; before that date a greater number was observed.

10.	Details	of Cr	aft Obse	rved in	Sassnitz	Harbor
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Small Russian guard ship,
Approximately 12-15 meters long.
One machine gun on the quarter deck.
Diesel-powered.
Observed lying at the Russian pier.

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- Lighthouse
- Fischkombinat composed of boiler house, curing rooms, stores (large stone building, 120 meters x 70 meters)
- Guard huts

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